



Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

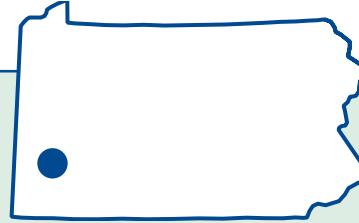
North Side Industrial Development Co., Allegheny County, PA

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The North Side Industrial Development Co. was selected to receive two brownfields assessment grants. The target areas are seven communities (total population 54,669) collectively known as the Allegheny River Towns Enterprise Zone (ARTEZ), which are located along the north banks of the river and east of Pittsburgh. Steel manufacturing, rail yards, and lumber operations once thrived in the ARTEZ region. Since 1970, the ARTEZ has lost 35 percent of its residents. Much of the employment today is in lower-paying retail jobs. The per capita income in the ARTEZ region is two-thirds that of Allegheny County. The communities are further disadvantaged by environmental problems



Assessment Grants



**\$200,000 for hazardous substances
\$200,000 for petroleum**

EPA has selected the North Side Industrial Development Co. for two brownfields assessment grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to solicit community input, inventory brownfields, and conduct Phase I and II environmental site assessments in the seven Allegheny River Towns Enterprise Zone communities. Funds also will be used for community outreach activities. Petroleum grant funds will be used to perform the same tasks for sites with potential petroleum contamination.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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related to repeated flooding from the river and its watershed. Assessment of the region's brownfields will facilitate the redevelopment of underused sites, which the towns plan to use for office, light industrial, and multi-family residential space. Brownfields redevelopment will help generate economic benefits for the area, including increased tax revenue and new jobs.